

REMARKS

Claim 30 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 31, 32 and 34 have been amended by rewriting claims 31, 32 and 34 in independent form incorporating all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Office Action has indicated that claim 33 is allowable. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowability of claim 33.

Claim 30 has been rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,447,171 to Shibano, herein after Shibano. Applicants have cancelled claim 30. Therefore the rejection of claim 30 as being anticipated by Shibano is moot.

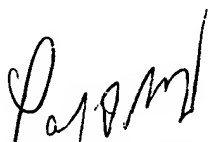
Claims 31, 32 and 34 have been objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten claims 31, 32 and 34 in independent form incorporating all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, the objections to claims 31, 32 and 34 should be withdrawn and all pending claims claims 31-34 should be allowed.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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